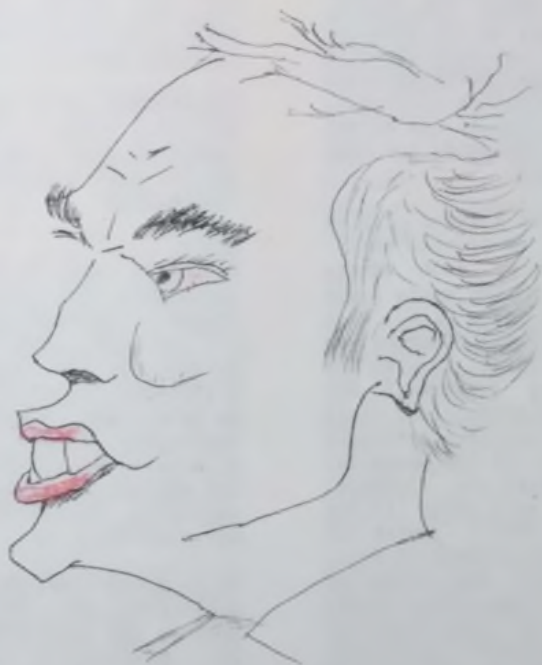




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FULCRUM:

The "F.L.Q. Manifesto" and its analysis of Scientific Socialism imparts a shattering effect on all such undertakings regardless of purpose or sincerity.

The kind of revolt planned by the F.L.Q. is of itself not uncommon in many parts of the world. What makes the F.L.Q. position somewhat unique is its Canadian content and not since the days of Louis Riel have Canadians experienced any such undertakings by any groupings of people. Failing to understand that it was doomed to failure, in itself indicates the type of mind of its advocates.

I do believe though that Fulcrum failed to provide somewhat of an indepth analysis of the uselessness of such undertakings. Somewhere in the pages I was hoping to read a quote from Marx. What he learned after the Paris Commune was summed up in one sentence. Quote-"The Days of the Barricades Are Over." But why? This is where Fulcrum or any other Scientific Socialist paper seemingly fail to provide. Why is the Socialist Party of Canada opposed to violence? must be incorporated as a study in the article itself! To merely advise the reader (who may not be student of Scientific Socialism) that the study of Socialism will provide the proper answer is not good enough. In presenting the thesis, then the antithesis, is not educational. The reader may well be acquainted with the thesis, this he obtains quite readily; the antithesis is what disturbs him (so there is no use playing up that part) it's the sytnesis that he is so badly in need of. That is where any journal of Scientific Socialism should proceed from.

Art Greenburg

Calgary

FULCRUM:

I read your article "What Price Pollution" written by Bill Johnson, of Sidney B.C. in your Jan-Feb. issue of Fulcrum. I agreed, with your concern about today's growing pollution problem and what you said, but you didn't seem to give your ideas about the solution to pollution. All you said was the system of society should be changed from capitalism to socialism.

Furthermore, your last paragraph in this article I thought was not needed and is taking up good paper which you could use for better purposes.

Debbie Baker

Victoria

Reply

Socialism will be a social system of production for use. This means that unless it is beneficial to man, it will not be done. Pollution obviously is harmful to man, therefore, it will be eliminated before it can become a threat to human life, health or enjoyment. The technology exists today to virtually eliminate pollution, the reason it is not applied is that it is not profitable according to the dictates of a Capitalist society.

As to how Socialism will be achieved. Socialists, are not so naive to believe that we can work miracles on an apathetic, politically unconscious working class. Capitalism will drive out their apathy and expose its anti-social nature to them, educating the workers in both a positive and negative way. When the workers have gained enough experience to realize that an alternative is the only real solution to their problems, that Socialists can hasten the day when reason will prevail. Upon which, represent

tatives of a Socialist majority will be elected to power for the purpose of dismantling the oppressive state machinery and help in the democratic reorganization of production to suit human need.

Your assessment of the last paragraph of the article is valid. Re-examination reveals it as superfluous, although the intent was to leave the reader a simple parallel of the gist of the article.

Further reading of our other journals, the Socialist Standard and the Western Socialist will give a much more detailed understanding of the subject of Socialism and how it is to be achieved than is possible in one article. W.J.

FULCRUM:

...The Nov. Dec. 1970 issue contained many very good and educational articles. I am a member of the Industrial Workers of the World popularly known as Wobblies. We are a labor union which struggles towards workers control of industry, student faculty control of the Schools and the right of the people to control those institutions which effect their lives (Industrial Democracy). As an organization we take no stand for any political party or candidate, as such. This is because we are trying to avoid factional fighting in our organization so that our union may be united in the task of building the new society within the shell of the old. Your newspaper is carrying on some very good educational work, but I believe it is possible for people to do more than education in building a socialist society in this stage of history. Our slogan is Education-Organization-Emancipation, and we Wobblies aren't content to wait for the government to do for us those things which, if we really want to, we can do for ourselves. If we really want a new society we should do what we can to organize it now as far as possible. Workers control of an industry is possible even before the Government legislates it, if working people in that industry unite to get it through building strong rank and file controlled industrial unions which will struggle to gain control of their industry through direct action. We have several worker controlled, owned and operated democratic print-

shops within our organization. Total emancipation will only come when all working people gain control of their industry in a free non market society. (Socialist society, if you prefer).

I think it is important for us to build examples of workers control (worker controlled industries) so that socialists will have something to point to when they are asked for examples of what we are trying to accomplish. Personally I believe that political action is important too, as the government is so tied up with the Capitalist Class that it harrasises our efforts at direct action and makes wars and taxation which only fills the pockets of already hot-fat war profiteers.

Will you permit the Industrial Worker to reprint articles from your newspaper if appropriate credit is given to FULCRUM, specifically we have been exposed to "the American Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)" which is the U.S. arm of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) and to their newspaper "Peoples Canada Daily News" and your article 'Bolshevism-Old and New' is worthy of wide distribution as it exposed them beautifully. Larry Cornett Chesterfield, Ohio

Reply

Thank you for your very interesting letter. It was not however, necessary to explain about the WOES. Within the Socialist movement there is quite an awareness of their role. Anyone who knows their history cannot help being impressed with their genuiness although Socialist would disagree with the possibility of building examples of Socialism within the framework of Capitalism.

You, no doubt, have discovered now your "Worker owned" print shops are enmeshed within the commodity relationship. The Victoria Local, S.P.C. likewise owns a small offset press. But when paper is needed it has to be bought and when FULCRUM is produced it has to be sold (when possible) or/and subsidized by the S.P.C. membership. It's operated through volunteer labour. The free contribution of labour, despite capitalism's handicaps, might be considered an example proving it's possibility within a Socialist society.

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FUDDLE DUDDLE

The coolness of winter has been warmed by a bit of mirthful diversion provided by our P.E.T. (Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau). It is alleged that Pierre baby, after persistent pestering from a member of the opposition used a four letter word followed by the three letter word "off". The P.M. might have gotten away with it, for example, if he had been a biblical scholar. He could have said -- "Get thyself from this place and increase the population".

When Pierre was later confronted with the question of what he actually said P.E.T. squirmed and fumbled that he had probably said "fuddle duddle". Well the whole country broke up with laughter and derision. Capitalistic opportunists were not found wanting. Within days FUDDLE DUDDLE Tee shirts and FUDDLE DUDDLE bottoms appeared on the market.

In some countries Pierre's blurb would be considered political suicide. In Canada, it is hard to assess. There could be an unforeseen backlash. At least P.E.T. made a gain in one quarter. As one of my fellow hockey players put it, "I didn't think much of the son-of-a-bitch before but now my estimation of him has gone up."

A bit of Socialist knowledge would have aided the P.M. in getting rid of his tormentors. He could have said "Look, these problems of poverty, unemployment, pollution and slack markets are a natural by-product of the Capitalist system. They are not solvable by any government pledged to run Capitalism. But, of course, such an act would reveal the Political paucity not only of himself but of his capitalist's competitors.

Socialists don't give a damn about the political fortunes of Pierre or his antagonists. The event does however have some microscopically beneficial side effects. Besides being a good thigh slapper it should serve to shake some of the working class loose from their fawning reverence of Capitalism's spokesmen. As Engels put it, it should help Socialist's in "heaping scorn upon the state" for now the Prime Minister is exposed not only as one capable of using the same language as that of a large section of the working class but an outright liar to boot. So in a way perhaps our "flower child" has given the working class something. In losing their reverence of Capitalism's befuddlers not only should they gain a higher estimation of themselves but they have a substitute for their most common adjective. It is to be hoped they will not be long in ridding themselves of this fuddling Capitalist system.

Larry Tickner

Victoria

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It is not however necessary to set up such a proof. There are plenty of examples of freely contributed human effort within organizations that have no conscious Socialist inclinations--amateur sports, social clubs etc. Anthropological studies give more. Neither is it necessary to set up worker controlled industries to prove the workers capabilities in running, industry. Workers already run capitalism's industries from top to bottom. The important thing to emphasize is that not only do the capitalists own the industries but that they are being run for sale. In a Socialist society not only will all productive and distributive machinery be owned in common but they will be run to satisfy the needs of all mankind.

As to the reprinting of our articles--as part of our objective is the education of the working class we will be most pleased if any of our material is reprinted. It would of course be desirable that credit was given to FULCRUM and the Socialist Party of Canada.

Tic.

A T R O C I T I E S - and M Y L A I

What are atrocities?

Early Romans fed Christians to lions. Christians fed heretics to flames. The disciples of one pope burned the eyes from the disciples of a rival pope. Executions by crucifixion, blade, rope and fire were public events. It was not rare for hands, ears, noses, to be sliced off. Dungeons held victims in darkness and pain until the All-Merciful allowed them to die.

These were not atrocities. The identity of justice and cruelty was not questioned in courts of old. But the conception has existed that some acts were not in good taste. The butcheries of the crusades were holy acts but the basketsful of aristocratic heads were horrifying. The long centuries of Jewish degradation were proper but the pogroms of the last century were barbaric. The brutal acts of the earth's owners took on the darkest hues when this served the ends of rival lords. It's like that now.

Memory goes back to the first world war, to Nelson's appeal, recalled on colorful posters plastered where all could see, "England expects every man to do his duty"; to another poster showing "Tommy" climbing over the top "For God and King and Country"; to the picture of the "enemy" soldier marching with a rifle on his shoulder, a bayonet on the rifle and a baby on the bayonet; to the words of Robert Service, the northland rhymester, "Two black holes where her breasts should be", anguished by the mutilated female corpses he had seen - or heard about.

Atrocities flowered. Where there were none they were created. The clergy and publicists rose in rage, as they were expected to do, and called on god and man to destroy the creatures who had turned against humanity. And the trenches filled and the blood poured in the glorious cause.

The years passed and the atrocities continued and grew greater. Humans died between the wars, brutally, unnecessarily, in Spanish prisons, Ukrainian farmlands, African colonies, wherever death could serve the lords of men, reaching its apex in the murders of millions during the second world war.

That was the end. It wouldn't happen again. So we were told. Grimly the victors gathered their legal genius and fashioned a code of conduct that would apply to all men. Under it leaders of the vanquished were hanged, others imprisoned. From the top to the bottom the guilty were sought, none spared. Only the victors came through with flying colors, pure as the driven snow.

But it wasn't long before word was heard of more atrocities. People were shot on the barbed wire or imprisoned and beaten for trying to leave their homeland. Prisoners were tortured in one country and another. New compounds were built for humans to rot and die in. THEY were at it again. But not only were THEY at it, there were disturbing whispers that WE were at it as well and had never been free from it, that it was even practiced by the grandest land of all.

The legal giants who moved surely at Nuremberg are less sure now. The order had been to "kill everything that moves" and more than a hundred murders resulted, but the giants have lost their lines. Questions are unanswered: Is the GI responsible for My Lai and is he alone responsible? Is the Lieutenant, the Captain, responsible? The commander-in-chief, the President of the United States? It could be said the President did not know of the massacre. That was said of a Japanese general but he was hanged. It could be said that the lower ranks were following orders. But the Nuremberg code filled prisons with men who followed orders.

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Those who gave genius to jurisprudence can shape codes dealing with Negro oppression, the mounding of radicals, campus explosions and poverty in revolt for all the world to marvel at. They may reach bold heights prescribing justice for vanquished war criminals overseas or next door. But they cannot put words together that will retain their honors and weaken the hand that feeds them. So they are engaged elsewhere or look on silently as time-tested judicial nogwash softens the harshness of My Lai.

There are no sanctuaries in the world today, no places where man can live clean and free. Capitalism is everywhere.

J. Milne

Winnipeg

HENRY FORD II and the SOCIAL REVOLUTION

Henry Ford II deals with "The contract between industry and society" in a Harvard Business School (H.B.S.) Bulletin dated May - June 1970. Says he: "...Peter Drucker observes that the changes between now and the year 2000 will be as great as the changes that took place between 1860 and 1914. That's a fairly modest forecast. A few weeks ago Dean William Haber told a group of executives that the year 2000 will be as different from 1969 as 1969 is from the year 1500. I believe Dr. Haber will prove to be a better prophet than Dr. Drucker".

Ford, the revolutionary, has little or no regard for the comparatively timid and reactionary Dr. Drucker. With Ford we agree in his choice of the two comparisons, and more literally than he appears to realise and certainly much more than he clearly wishes us to understand.

The main novel features of the year 1500 were (1) the discovery of the New World had begun in earnest; (2) Germany and England were still in the religious ferment after their severance from the Holy Church of Rome; (3) Copernicus was born and beginning to study astronomical movements. However, the main and apparently eternal abiding social feature was feudalism firmly entrenched. Where: "In the pre-capitalist stage of society commerce ruled industry. In modern society the reverse is true". (Facts about merchant capital) Vol III "CAPITAL".

European society was still producing material wealth in its pre-commodity form i.e. mainly for direct usage by its producers, namely serfs and their landlords and masters. Hand labor practically unaided was the primary energy except for laboring cattle and a few wind and water wheels. In 1500 vast areas of the world; Africa, America, Asia the Pacific islands and Australia too, tribal communism was still flourishing after ages of social existence. By 1770 Adam Smith could write his "Wealth of Nations" clearly showing that where the beginnings of commodity production had taken root (i.e. English capitalism), there in like proportion was developing its necessary sequel, class antagonism arising from clashing material interests between (a) those who produce but do not possess wealth and (b) those who possess but do not produce wealth. Australia's first English settlers were in the main the convict victims of the outcome of this glorious capitalist revolution, driven off the land of their forebears and herded into the cities as landless wage labor proletarians. By 1848 the class antagonism had so far progressed as not to be "...concealed beneath purple mantles and black cassocks." Karl Marx acknowledges: "The bourgeoisie historically has played a most revolutionary part."

"The bourgeoisie wherever it got the upper hand, has put an end to all feudal patriarchal idyllic relations. It has pitilessly torn asunder the motley feudal ties

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that bound man to his 'natural superiors' and has left remaining no other nexus between man and man than naked self-interest, then callous cash payment." Continues the Communist Manifesto: "The bourgeoisie has stripped of its halo every occupation hitherto honored and looked up to with reverent awe. It has converted the physician, the lawyer, the priest, the poet, the men of science, into its paid wage laborers."

Even so it wasn't until just over 100 years ago (1867) that the Marxian analysis opened up the way to the discovery of just where, how and why wage labor and capital as long as capitalism continues, must be eternally at war against each other. Why class and civil conflict must take on more and more menacing forms. Marx enlightens us. "What is a working day? Unquestionably the working day must be shorter than the natural 24 hours. How much shorter? The capitalist has his own ideas as to this matter. As a capitalist he is merely capital personified. His soul is the soul of capital, which has a vital impetus of its own, the impulse towards self-expansion, towards the creation of surplus value towards making the constant factor of capital (the means of production) absorb the greatest possible amount of surplus value. Capital is dead labor. The more blood it sucks the more vigorously does it live." (Capital" Vol. 1 Chapter 8, The Working Day).

By 1970 swiftly developing capitalism had brought the entire world under its sway. All pre-capitalist forms of society have been uprooted and flung into the rubbish bin of history. Universally, "communist" Russia, China and Cuba, "socialist" India and other such nations as well as the "Commonwealth" of Australia, all of these as well as avowed self-confessed capitalist nations like the U.S.A., all have been revolutionised. Within each in proportion to their economic development there exists a state of class and civil war. There is developing contradictions that cannot be hidden i.e. American Food and Peace Programme running into hundreds of millions of dollars was recently exposed as being negotiated into 95 per cent guns and other military equipment. 1970, opulent year in Australian history finds that in Melbourne city alone more than 40,000 children are hungry, ill housed and scabbily clothed. Aborigine children rummaging for food in the rubbish bins in caravan parks are regarded as a "blasted nuisance". The Shire Council of Wyndham (West Australia), report on this matter acknowledges "The underlying cause of these raids can simply be stated as hunger". and proposed putting a high wire fence around the park (to keep out these "unlawful tramps"). Concluding the report we read: "The council had recently spent \$79,000 on improvements and did not want aborigines running through it". Melbourne Age, 13/Jan./1971. Under the News headline of "Native girls sell sex for a meal". "There has been cases of 9 year old Aborigine girls offering themselves to white men for a hamburger, Aborigine leader (Mr. J. Davis) said yesterday. "Food is the enticement offered for Aborigines to prostitute themselves". Melbourne Age 15/Jan/1971. (!) The only remedy property can offer hungry children.

Henry Ford II is certainly correct. 1970 is as different as possible from the year 1500. By the year 1970 the capitalist world was so prosperous, for the owning class, that twice within thirty-one years it could afford the luxury of beginning and ending two total world wars. Could land men on the moon; could develop atomic hydrogen and other such bombs and increasingly build and set atomic power houses in motion. Yet still cannot properly feed the working class and their families. In 1970 communication can operate in split seconds to world audiences per medium of radio and TV equipment, yet cannot solve the problem of distributing edible material wealth that rots along with wide-spread malnutrition of the working class young.

On another point with Ford II we agree: "Man does not live by bread alone, but he has to have bread before he begins to think of other things." This is exactly in accord with Marxian philosophy and our view. When we look and think about other things we see that capitalism "is no solid crystal but is an organism capable of change and is constantly changing". The Marxian view seizes hold of the dynamics of

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the bourgeois system of commodity production just at the point he does not want to see any further. And behold, we are aware of the present being but a transitory state of society as did the bourgeoisie once see the state of feudalism. The latter system provided the base and the mainspring of original capital. We are aware that modern capitalism has provided the base and mainspring for socialism. In the same manner as feudalism brings about its own negation so does capitalism.

While the latter lasts people can only live by the process of buying and selling commodities. H.F. II is aware that he has to buy commodity labor-power in order to process nature given materials into sellable auto and spare parts. The laborer likewise can live only by selling his commodity labor-power and with his wages he in turn must buy commodities in their day by day, month by month and generation by generation requirements and forms. All of this H.F. would agree with is on the strict impartial basis of commodities everywhere exchanging at their value. Were this not true then there would be no exchange and H.F. would justly be appalled at this monstrous unethical affair. Even so, commodities, labor-power along with all others, exchanging on the basis of the labor theory of value, still hurries along alienation of each individual from all others (as well as class from class), as well as from the increasing abundance of socially created material wealth and the law of value exchange also hurries along the growing awareness of this social alienation.

We are aware that the major problem once confronting the human race was material wealth production. Capitalism solved this admittedly mighty problem. So this is no longer with us. It was solved in the technical sense and also in the sense of social discipline. It was solved by socialising of the labor process. (The recent worldwide move to reduce all weights and measures to a uniform simplified metric system is a further step along this line). But for all this revolution in the field of production modern capitalism cannot solve the problem of distribution--the best it can do in the matter is along the aforesaid lines of the Labor Theory of Value as to clearly set out by Marx in chapter 1 Vol. 1 "Capital". And we socialists are the true inheritors of the revolutionary zeal and traditions of our prevailing masters. Once they were eager energetic and successful in disbanding and effectively abolishing all pre-capitalist forms of society in order to remove all impediment to the exploitation of labor and to the free and full development of their own successive revolutions. Now, however, we can only expect them to fight with the same energy but reactionary zeal against their own abolishment and replacement by socialism. Their own economists, dashing and revolutionary, were proud to stand up and declare that "Labor alone creates wealth that is exchangeable. The rest is a depository of nature". Adam Smith, "Wealth of Nations." (chapter 5).

We too take up the same challenge and declare that social labor alone creates wealth and that anything else than total social ownership of the total social means of production and distribution is theft by private individuals of the same socially created wealth.

For all of its own inescapable, narrow, inbuilt profit making limitations, the modern industrial capitalist class (to which H.F. II is representative, leader and impersonal capital personified) had organised, educated and disciplined the total labor force of society. This is merely one, and perhaps its most successful dynamic function. It is our purpose to continue the dynamic of this same process for the purpose of educating our class along lines consistent with this industrial revolution and for the entire abolishing of the capitalist system and with this the entire abolishment of classes and establishment of socialism. Yes indeed, the year 2000 very likely will be as different from 1970 as 1970 is from the 1500. We certainly hope

G.P. Furey

Socialist Party of Australia

MARKOV LOOKS AT THE NEWS

On one hand, the British government supports its "arms for South Africa" under the excuse that it will protect the "Free World" from Soviet Power, on the other hand, the British government supports British investments in the Soviet Union. For example, the British have extended \$200 million in credit to the Soviet Union which is financing an hydraulic power plant in Brazil. (Incidentally, the Russians have some of that money to Brazil so that Brazil can purchase Soviet generators and turbines.)

Meanwhile, M. I. Misnik, the deputy chairman of Gosplan (State Planning Committee) has asked several British firms to invest about \$1.2 billion in the Soviet Union.

The Rio Tinto-Zinc Company has been invited to exploit the copper deposits in the Ural Mountains. These deposits are considered to be among the richest in the world. Rio Tinto-Zinc is also asked to help mine nickel near Orsk in the southern Urals.

British Stell Corporation may build a huge ore-processing installations on the Kola Peninsula.

The British may also, help in the construction of a container railroad system extending from Leningrad to Vladivostok.

In return for all this the "British" will receive iron ore which is expected to make up 30% of the British iron ore needs by 1975.

West Germany is trying to increase its trade with the Soviet Union because Soviet technical knowledge is concentrated in a few specific areas, the Bonn-Moscow entente contained an agreement for scientific co-operation. A team of West German scientists will work at two Siberian atomic research centers.

To better understand West Germany's stand, it is in order to quote a few excerpts from an interview between "Stein" magazine and Berthold Beitz, chairman of the board of the Krupp industries:

"Stein: And what is in it" (trade with the U.S.S.R.) "for us?"

"Beitz: Profit. At Krupp, we have always made money by trading with the East."

When asked how Western Europe felt about Soviet-West German trade Beitz replied:

"They are certainly suspicious. After all, we are competitors. They were surely not displeased by the previous cool relations between Moscow and Bonn, which did our trade no good. We are serious competition. Over there we have a good chance.

"Stein: Does that mean we are crowding our Common Market partners out of Eastern trade?"

"Beitz: Oh, come now. Russia is a huge market. There is something for all of us." (quotes reprinted from "Atlas", Dec./70).

Western Europe's industries are interested in obtaining raw materials such as oil, natural gas and chromium from the Soviet Union. While the Soviet Union is starting to buy more consumer products from the West in order to raise her standard of living. Thus economic necessity is political expediency!

The preceding is illustrated in another part of the world. The Vancouver Sun of December 14, 1970 ran this item:
 "London (AP) - Israel is transporting Arab oil to Eastern Europe with the blessing of the Soviet Union, the Sunday Times reports. The newspaper says Israel also is moving oil through its pipelines to independent refineries in Italy. The most re-

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markable fact about the Israeli operation, the Sunday Times said, is that all the Arab governments know about it - and are suppressing ideological hostility for commercial advantage. The Israelis, for their part, regard it as a straightforward commercial deal to earn much-needed hard currency. The newspaper says Israel is using its 160-mile pipeline across the Niger Desert from Elath to Ashkelon as a short-cut for oil supplies from the Persian Gulf to Europe."

By the way. Palestinian Terrorists receive subsidies from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and the Persian Gulf nations.

Hypocrisy is often a characteristic of international trade. Take Sino-Japanese trade. Officially, Japan recognizes the National Chinese government as the legitimate government of all China and opposes Red China's entry into the United Nations. But each year the "Memorandum Trade Office" - an association of Japanese businessmen who trade with mainland China - travels to Peking where it signs a communique denouncing the Japanese government's China policy. Last year, the communique, signed by Yoshimi Fusui who is a conservative member of the Japanese Parliament, said that Japan's security treaty with the United States was in danger of becoming "a new Japanese-American military alliance aimed at the Chinese people, the Korean people, and the various nations of Asia."

But the profits on their trade will be \$200 million in Japan's favour. On a two way basis, Japan's sales and purchases from China this year will hit a post Second World War record of around \$800 million. (Vancouver Sun: Dec. 14, 1970)

Profits are realized not made in international trade, that is, in the sale of commodities. The origin of profit which is the Industrial Capitalist's share of surplus value, is from the exploitation of labour. It is because labour power produces a value greater than its own value and that extra value is surplus-value. The Proletariat is exploited by an International Bourgeoisie and only an International Socialist Revolution will end this relationship.

When Jesus Christ started preaching he was soon considered to be a revolutionary and thus, he was executed. But now the servants of the Prince of Peace defend the status quo against rebellion.

Panicked by the F.L.Q. kidnappings, the Rev. H.L. Wipprecht of Colbalt, Ontario blurted out:

"I blame those starry-eyed liberals who advocated abolition of the death penalty and politicians who abolished it. Under the guise of freedom of speech, we have permitted people to make treasonable utterances, we have permitted the spirit of revolution to grow unchecked until it is now claiming its victims...Our authorities must now embark on a campaign to liquidate all terrorists and big-time criminals with the help of the army if necessary. The death penalty must be reintroduced and terrorists must be gunned down on sight the way mad animals are gunned down." (Montreal Star, quoted in "Atlas" Magazine Dec./70)

The cold-blooded murder of Pierre Laporte is condemned by all sensible people but too often incited an emotional reaction which itself violent, and so the fact that violence is by-product of a class-divided society is lost. Thus, when the feeling for revenge

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SOCIALIST ACTIVITIES

SENATE - COMMONS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE:

When the special Senate-Commons constitution came to Victoria the members of the Victoria Local were not slow to take advantage of a propaganda opportunity. Both Coms. Jim Lambie and Larry Tickner addressed the Commission, identifying the Socialist Party of Canada and pointing out that constitution or not that there was no real solution to our problems within the commodity relationship.

UNEMPLOYED MARCH: The B.C. Federation of Labour put out a lot of money to organize an unemployed march to coincide with the opening of the B.C. Legislature, Jan 21. While the B.C. Federation spent lumps of money undoubtedly with an eye to helping their pets -- the N.D.P., they didn't come out of it too well, getting some bad press because of verbal and physical abuse by some of their wards. The Socialist Party of Canada on the other hand came up smelling of roses. Taking advantage of the occasion the Victoria Local ran 1800 leaflets on the FULCRUM press for distribution at the demonstration. At the Crystal Gardens (hired by the B.C. Fed. as a launching station.) two Socialists set up a table displaying Socialist literature. Amidst the chaos either no one seemed to know that they had no right to be there or no one knew who should evict them. Also amongst the trade unionists there are some who secretly, some not so secretly are glad to see the Socialist case presented. Leaflets were passed out, literature sold. Here, at least, amongst the great mass of politically illiterate chanting "We Want Jobs" was a small voice of enlightenment -- that of the Socialist Party of Canada making its clear statement for "ABOLITION OF THE WAGES SYSTEM"!

9:30 REVOLUTIONARIES?: An interesting aside to the B.C. Fed's Unemployed Demonstration. One of the "new left" groups that the B.C. Fed. was arranging to transport from Vancouver for the Demonstration was advised that the bus would leave at 8:30 A.M. To this some wailed that they lived so far out that they would have to get up at 7:00 A.M. to catch the 8:30 A.M. bus. One would think that this would be enough for the B.C. Fed. to tell them to go to hell but instead they arranged to have the bus leave an hour later at 9:30.

SIDNEY HARRIS COMES TO TOWN: What about the Socialist already in town?

Jenkins: Sidney Harris is speaking at the University tomorrow. It would be a splendid opportunity to get out some Socialist propaganda. Too bad we don't have a leaflet on the subject.

Tickner: That's all I ever hear from you guys is what we should have. Why don't you get off your butt and...

Lambie: Hold your shirt on. There is this article in the W.S. on the role of the modern university. I'll get masters of it shot tomorrow and have them ready for you if you can run them after work.

Tickner: So okay make sure you have them at my place by 5 o'clock and I'll have them ready for the meeting.

So they did it. By 7 P.M. with the ink barely dry the Victoria Socialists were passing out leaflets. In the meeting Harris made the mistake of attacking "Marxists" during his address. Judging from Harris's surprised reaction he must have gotten away with these tactics in the past. When asked why he tried to put down the Marxists when the Marxists were the only ones who advocated the material basis out of which his ideals about universities could arise, Harris tried to wriggle out by pointing to Russia where upon he was challenged on "What the hell does the goings on in state capitalist Russia have to do with Marx?" A degree of excuse could be found for Harris were he merely ignorant on this aspect of the subject, but as he himself had already referred to Russia as "state capitalist" during his talk Socialists cannot but help but regard him as but another of the capitalist class's reptilian confusionists.

Socialist Activities (continued)

RADIO: Part of the culmination of continuous efforts on the part of Victoria Socialists Jim Lambie in presenting Socialist ideas over the phone-in type radio programs one of the Victoria members joined one of their Vancouver comrades on a one hour Vancouver radio program on Feb. 23. It must be admitted our members bombed a bit in fielding some of the phone-in questions. This however should be no discouragement, but rather cause our stalwarts to be better prepared for the next effort. Even so the effort has resulted in more encouraging mail than some of our better efforts.

NEW EFFORTS ABROAD:

Sweden- In a country that capitalist press is pleased to confuse as Socialist the genuine article has finally arrived. Ake Spross has expressed agreement with the Companion Party Object and Declaration of Principles and is translating and reproducing Socialist articles for distribution in Sweden. Anyone interested get in touch with Ake Spross - Bergsbruma Villawag 58, 752-56 Uppsala, Sweden.

Jamaica- A group supporting the Companion Party Declaration of Principles has been founded. With modest resources they have begun to mimeograph their own paper called THE SOCIALIST REVIEW. To get on the mailing list send \$1.00 to SOCIALIST REVIEW, P.O. Box 35, Kingston 14, Jamaica.

Germany- A Socialist Group supporting the Companion Party Declaration of Principles is being founded. Anyone interested contact Walther Piltz, Gersthofen-Angsburg, Langemarckstr 21 a, W. Germany.

Markov looks at the News (concluded)

has spent itself and all is "normal" again, the undertow of discontent and frustration will again send forth yet another wave of violence.

Emotional outbursts like Rev. Wipprecht's add nothing to the solution to the problem. But an understanding of the workings of modern society would, and a good start would be a study of our Declaration of Principles. Marko:

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FEARSOME NERVE GAS

In case we are short of things to fear, the U. S. Army told congressmen recently it has enough of a single nerve gas in its chemical-biological warfare arsenal to kill the world's people many times over. One lawmaker reported that Russia may harbor an even more lethal capability in this field.

This is on top of the leading world powers' ability to accomplish the same anti-social objective in the nuclear realm, just plain, old-fashioned "explosives."

It is not to be assumed that man is going to pot. Neither is anything else to be assumed, if one wants answers to today's massive social problems. Unfortunately a lot of victims who do want answers are satisfied to assume that production for profit has always been with us and always will be. It is assumed that society is a static thing, that nothing different existed in the past and no basic changes are in prospect for the future. There is nothing abnormal about today's destructive potential. If a farmer had a choice between plowing a field with a horse and walking plow, or a tractor and a set of plows, he obviously chooses the most efficient way to get the job done. So it is with national capitalist groups when they want to protect or extend their spheres of influence over places to sell their commodities and obtain cheaper raw materials. They naturally choose the best and cheapest way that technology will provide.

In terms of productive potential, a Socialist world is half-way here now. Plenty could be produced for the use of all at present, and world capitalism should have been extinct as the Dodo Bird by this time.

However, since the majority cannot conceive of any constructive alternative to what exists, they apparently will have to get used to that Sword of Damocles that hangs over their heads for awhile, and mesmerize themselves into thinking that the hair will never be cut.

JG Victoria

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3. — That this antagonism can be abolished only by the emancipation of the working class from the domination of the master class, by the conversion into the common property of society of the means of production and distribution, and their democratic control by the whole people.
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